

PHOTO FEATURE



Rico, a Belgium Sheppard Malinois, sinks his teeth into the bite suit that protects handler Cpl. Nathan D. Lovett. The dogs are trained to chase down and control suspects through intimidation and ferocious biting.



Bosco, a Dutch Sheppard, stands guard while his handler prepares to search the suspect at the Kennel Tuesday. His handler says having Bosco as a partner is like having a loaded gun trained on the suspect.

Taking a bite out of crime ...

Four special dogs and five handlers work at the Depot K-9 unit to turn man’s best friend into criminals’ worst enemy.

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Bosco runs the K-9 obstacle course with his handler Cpl. Joseph M. Strain. The obstacles are a representation of real life situations the dogs will encounter such as stairs, walls, fences and windows. Bosco and the other dogs become visibly excited in anticipation of their daily training.